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1. WE ARE IN RECEIPT OF LETTER DATED OCT. 29 FROM RANDOLPH PROFETA, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, IMPERIAL COMMODITIES CORP. INFORMING US OF THEIR INTENTION TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST ALGERIAN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES OFFICE (OFLA - SEE REF.) AND ASKING FOR NAME OF ATTORNEY IN ALGIERS TO HANDLE THEIR CASE.

2. UNDER COVER OF LETTER, WE ARE SENDING ICC EMBASSY LIST OF ATTORNEYS. IN EFFORT TO HEAD OFF LEGAL CONFRONTATION, EMBOFF VISITED OFLA OFFICE NOV. 9 AND SPOKE BRIEFLY WITH OMAR LARFAOUI, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL. LARFAOUI NOT WELL INFORMED ABOUT SUBSTANCE OF CASE BUT SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER. AT SAME TIME, LARFAOUI SAID OFLA VERY INTERESTED IN ACCELERATING PURCHASES OF NUMBER OF FOOD ITEMS FROM U.S. GIVEN LONG TERM POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDED TRADE WITH U.S. FOOD SUPPLIERS, THERE SOME POSSIBILITY THIS COULD HAVE EFFECT OF INDUCING OFLA TO BRING THIS DISPUTE TO A CONCLUSION.

3. REQUEST USDOC TELEPHONE PROFETA (120 WALL ST., NEW YORK, N.Y., 10005, TEL. 825-0500) AND SUGGEST THEY HOLD IN ABEYANCE FOR TIME BEING, THEIR PLANS TO INITIATE LEGAL ACTION. IF WITHIN ONE MONTH NOTHING RECEIVING FROM OFLA, HOWEVER, EMBASSY WOULD RECOMMEND THAT PROFETA SEND SOMEONE FROM IMPERIAL COMMODITIES TO ALGIERS FOR DIRECT DISCUSSIONS WITH
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